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SENATE BILL NO. 32

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The following bill was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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1 AN ACT creating the Kentucky Blue Alert System.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police in cooperation with the Justice and
6 Public Safety Cabinet, Transportation Cabinet, the Division of Emergency
7 Management of the Department of Military Affairs, broadcasters, and the news
8 media shall operate a system to notify the public when a peace officer has been
9 killed, injured, or is missing in the line of duty and the department determines
10 that public notification might aid in the apprehension of a suspect or the recovery
11 of the officer. The system shall be known as the Kentucky Blue Alert System.

12 (2) The Kentucky Blue Alert System shall utilize existing resources, including but
13 not limited to electronic highway signs; the Amber Alert System; law enforcement
14 communications systems; electronic media; local, regional, and statewide media
15 providers; and the Emergency Alert System, if authorized and under conditions
16 permitted by the federal government.

17 (3) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall promulgate administrative
18 regulations for the operation and administration of the Kentucky Blue Alert
19 System.

20 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 IS CREATED TO
21 READ AS FOLLOWS:

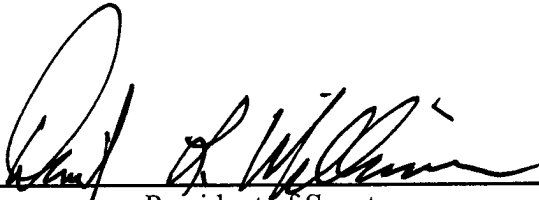
22 (1) No public alert using the Kentucky Blue Alert System shall be issued unless
23 requested by a law enforcement agency and, upon consultation with that agency,
24 the department determines:

25 (a) That a peace officer has been killed, seriously injured, or is missing in the
26 line of duty;

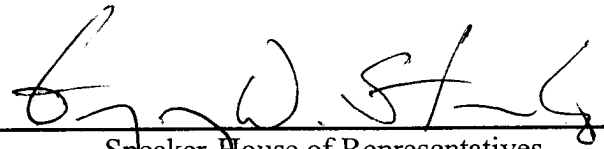
27 (b) That public notification is the most appropriate method of locating the

- 1 officer or identifying and locating a suspected offender who poses an
 2 imminent threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel;
 3 (c) That there is sufficient information available relating to the officer's last
 4 known location and the physical description of any suspected offender or
 5 vehicle involved that could be broadcast to assist in locating the officer or
 6 suspected offender; and
 7 (d) The geographic area in which the notification shall be made.
 8 (2) The requesting agency shall provide the information required by administrative
 9 regulation to the Department of Kentucky State Police prior to activation of the
 10 Kentucky Blue Alert System.
 11 (3) If it is determined by the department that public notification shall be initiated, the
 12 department shall notify the public and private agencies and organizations that
 13 will provide the notification and provide those agencies and organizations with
 14 the information that the department deems necessary.
 15 (4) All law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the
 16 department in the provision and dissemination of information regarding any
 17 peace officer who has been killed, seriously injured, or is missing in the line of
 18 duty.
 19 (5) No law enforcement agency, other than the department, shall activate the
 20 Kentucky Blue Alert System without the authority of the department.

21 ➔Section 3. This Act shall be known as the Trooper Jonathan K. Leonard
 22 Kentucky Blue Alert System Act.



President of Senate



Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved 

Governor

Date 4-11-12